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SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Fri. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Martin Sanchez, 387-3469. **ACTS**: Eliza Reyna, 273-8851.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Ruben Rosas, President, 818-1230. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

GUADALUPANOS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, Margie Moncada, 661-7381. **LIFE TEEN** (High School Youth Group): Sun. 3:00-4:30 p.m., parish hall. Lyle Pearce, 210, 913, 5585

 $\textbf{EDGE} \, (\texttt{Middle School Youth Group}): \\ \textbf{Wed.} \, 6:25-7:35 \, p.m. \, \texttt{Jan Van Slambrouck}, 913-5585.$

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets 2nd Thurs., Sally Tokarski at 367-1118.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meet last Tues. 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church or

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meet last Tues. 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church cry room. Carmenza Barrios, 724-8660.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: 8:15 a.m.

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

40 HOURS: Thursday 7:00 p.m., prior to Friday Friday of month

RECONCILIATION: Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Fri. after Mass until 7:00 p.m. EUCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS: Contact church office.

BAPTISMS: 1st Sat. of month at 11:00 a.m. Spanish Baptisms on 2nd Sat. 11:00 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school.

MARRIAGE: 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 416-2018. Grades K-5th, Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Office hours - Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m. Annette Winfield, 210-885-0861

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in Sept. on Sun. 10:30 a.m., parish hall. Josie Rodriguez 988-3954. Spanish RCIA: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242 rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Ms. Abby Salazar, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

QUINCEANERA: Must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes and have priest's permission.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets 1st Tues. 12:00 noon, Sept.-May. Thrift Shop Wed. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

REGISTRATION FORMS: In parish office or next to the bulletin board inside the church.

The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.



Monday, October 1

8:15 A.M. Krug Family = SI

Tuesday, October 2

8:15 A.M. Day of Guardian Angel = SI Jason Krug = B

Wednesday, October 3

8:15 A.M. ₽ Irene Venuto

Thursday, October 4

8:15 A.M. Fr. Mauricio Lopez =B

Friday, October 5

8:15 A.M. & Juan Chavez

→ Carroll Hicks

Saturday, October 6

9:30 A.M. ♥ Souls in purgatory

Berta/Joel Castellanos = 25A

5:30 P.M. ♥ Onufry Cielencki

♣ Lina Rocha

Sunday, October 7

7:30 A.M. Virginia J. Bennett

Nettie Popham & Fam = SI

9:00 A.M. & Ella Tillman

L&D Adolph/Mary Schumann Scheel

11:00 A.M. ₽ Eddie Stein

 $Manuel\ Medrano = SI$

1:00 P.M. Castellanos Family = SI

Camarena Family = SI

₱ Eutilia Arredondo

₱ Imelda Bonilla

5:00 P.M. & Claudia Montoya

7:00 P.M.♥ Souls in purgatory

 Φ = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention

L & D = Living and Deceased



Sunday Collection: \$ 10,991.00 St. Monica School: \$3,391.00

The second collection for Sunday, October 7th is in support of *Hope for the Future* and the Catholic schools and students within our community. Your support helps fund tuition assistance for 40 students at St. Monica's Catholic School ©



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of *Loretta M. Bufanio*



YOUNG AT HEART IS BACK! Hopefully you've enjoyed the summer break © The Young at Heart will have their initial

meeting Thursday, October 11th at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. All members will be called as a reminder.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There will be an informational presentation in the parish hall Monday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in attending the Holy Land Pilgrimage March 10-21, 2019.

ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Catholic Daughters Fall Arts and Craft Show is Saturday, October 20 in the school cafeteria from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 50 venders to sell crafts from: Religious gifts, homemade jewelry, art work, paper and wood crafts, sewing, knitting crafts and Frida Kahlo gifts and many more.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

While your child is attending CCD on Wednesday evenings to prepare for First Communion, you can be growing in knowledge of the Catholic Faith too ⊕ Family of Families is a group under the Religious Education Program. It is a bilingual program and they meet in the school cafeteria Wednesdays during the time of 6:25 through 7:35. The cost is free. The first class meets October 10th. This year they will include The Mass − videos by Bishop Robert Barron with group discussion and guest speakers.

EACH OF US HAS BEEN CALLED TO SERVE Training for new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Monday evening, October 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 and again Tuesday, October 16 in Spanish at the same time. Registration preferred prior to training Call Deacon Sean Dooley for more information (210) 274-7085.



EVENTOS ESTA SEMANA EN LA PARROQUIA

Lunes, 1 de Octubre, Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús,

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin Estudio de Biblia en español en salón 7p.m. a 9 p.m. Estudio de Biblia en Ingles en salón de 7p.m a 9 p.m. Junta en salón sobre la peregrinacion a Tierra Santa 6:30 p.m.

Martes, 2 de Octubre, Santos Ángeles

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Programa de estudio con Annette en el salón 9:30 a.m.
Familia del Rosario en la capilla 7:00 p.m.
Grupo de la Divina Misericordia en la iglesia; 7:00 p.m.
Práctica de coro de Misa de las 11 en salón 6:30 p.m.
Junta de los ministerios en el salón a las 6:30 p.m
Junta con Ultreya en salón 7:00 p.m.

Miércoles, 3 de Octubre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Marcin
EDGE (jovenes de secundaria) en salón 6:25 p.m.
CCD (clases de religión nivel 1 – 8) en la escuelita
6:25 p.m.- 7:35 p.m.

Jueves, 4 de Octubre, San Francisco de Asís

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin Hora Santa 7:00 p.m. Padre Marcin Bendicion de los animales en el lado del escuela 3 p.m. GLOW (jóvenes en grados escolar 4th-6th) salón 6:30 pm Junta de los abonados del Magnificat en el salón a las 6 p.m.

Viernes, 5 de Octubre, Beato Francisco Xavier Seelos

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma Adoración 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración en Español en el salón 7:00 p.m.

Sáb. 6 de Oct. San Bruno, Beata Marie Rose Durocher

Misa 9:30 a.m.
Bendicion de los animales 10:30 a.m.
Bautizos en Ingles 11:00 a.m.
Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Marcin
Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Marcin
Taller de abogados en salón 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Domingo, 7 de Octubre

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9 y 11 a.m. Padre Marcin Misas de la tarde 1, 5 y 7 (Espanol) Padre Thumma RICA en Ingles (10 a.m.) y Espanol (2 p.m.) en el salón Estudio de biblia en Espanol en el salón 11 a.m. Venta de boletos de Casino Night después de misa Clases de Confirmacion para adultos en salón a las 3 p.m. Life Teen en el salón de 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EVENTS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 1, St Therese of the Child Jesus

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin Bible Study in English in hall at 7 p.m. Bible Study in Spanish in hall at 7 p.m. Meeting on pilgrimage to Holy Land in hall at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2, Holy Guardian Angels

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Adult study with Annette in hall 9:30 a.m.
Family of the Rosary in chapel 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Group in church 7:00 p.m.
11 Choir practice in hall 6:30 p.m.
Meeting with ministries in hall 6:30 p.m
Ultreya meeting in hall 7:00 p.m

Wednesday, October 3

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin
EDGE (middle school youth) in hall 6:25 – 7:35 p.m.
CCD (1st thru 8th) 6:25 - 7:35 p.m. in school

Thursday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin
Holy Hour 7:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin
Blessing of animals at soccer field 3:00 p.m.
GLOW (grades 4th-6th) meets in hall at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting with Magnificat subscribers in hall at 6 p.m.

Friday, October 5, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group meets in hall at 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 6, St. Bruno and Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Mass 9:30 a.m.
Blessing of Animals 10:30 a.m.
Baptisms (Eng) 11:00 a.m.
Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin
Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Marcin
Ask a Lawyer parish hall 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

Masses in a.m. 7:30, 9:00 and 11 a.m. Fr. Marcin Masses in p.m. 1, 5 & 7 (Spanish) Fr. Thumma RCIA (English) 10 a.m. and Spanish (2 p.m.) in hall Bible Study in Spanish in hall at 11 a.m. Casino Night tickets on sale in church foyer after Mass Adult Confirmation classes in hall at 3 p.m. Life Teen in hall from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Happenings in your Archdiocese

ASSEMBLY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 The weekend of October 13th / 14th there will be volunteers in the church fover to help register those interested in attending The Assembly on November 3, 2018 at St. Mary's University. The Assembly 2018 is a day in which we celebrate our Catholic identity and rejoice in fellowship and communion. The theme for the Assembly is "Building a Catholic Culture of Encounter" as Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ. Keynote speaker David Bisonó will encourage us to become a "Church of Encounter", Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo, a series of FED* (Faith, Evangelization, and Discipleship) talks at noon will prepare the way to group discussions by deaneries. The event will close with a plenary session in which Archbishop Gustavo and Bishop Mike will hear a call to action from participants on how to be a "Church on the Move". The cost of registration is \$25 for If you are interested in helping with registrations, please call the church office to speak with Sofia.

La Asamblea 2018, 3 de Noviembre, es un dia en el que celebramos nuestra identidad católica y nos regocijamos en fraternidad y comunión con los hermanos y hermanas. Va haber oportunidad de registrarse el fin de semana de 13 y 14 de Octubre después de misa. El tema de la Asamblea es "Construyendo una Cultura Católica de Encuentro" como Discípulos y Misioneros de Jesucristo. El orador principal David Bisonó nos animará a convertirnos en una "Iglesia de Encuentro"; la Misa celebrada por el Arzobispo Gustavo; una serie de pláticas FED* durante el mediodía nos prepararán para discusiones grupales organizadas por decanatos. El evento terminara con una sesión plenaria en la cual el Arzobispo Gustavo y Obispo Mike escucharán "llamados a la acción" de parte de los participantes sobre cómo convertirnos en una "Iglesia en salida". Si queres ayudar con asistir con inscripciones, llame a la oficina y pregunta por Sofia. El costo es \$25 por cada persona.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Celebrate Respect Life Month with the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The Archdiocese of San Antonio invites you to celebrate October as Respect Life Month at one of three life-themed Masses. On Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, will celebrate Mass at San Fernando Cathedral with the theme, "Building a Culture of Life through Encounters." On Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Auxiliary Bishop Mike Boulette will celebrate Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the theme, "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us! (Hope, Healing and Reconciliation)." On Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 12:30 p.m., Fr. Larry Christian will celebrate Mass at St. Ann Catholic Church-San Antonio with the theme, "God's Gift of Life (From Conception to Death).



MIRYAM DINNER

This dinner is an opportunity for women, ages 16-40, to learn about the Consecrated and Religious Life and to meet some of the Religious Women serving in the Archdiocese.

The dinner is Saturday, October 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the

Congregation of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24th Street in San Antonio, 78207, by Our Lady of the Lake University. You can call 210-735-0553 for more information.

IT'S MORE THAN A CALLING
Help the Archdiocese Vocation's Office
build the culture of vocations! Come
participate in the Discernment Dash
Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 4
p.m. beginning at Assumption Seminary
and ending at Our Lady of the Lake
University. For more information or to register, call 210735-0553 or email vocations@archsa.org

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIAPER DRIVE

St. Monica's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Diaper and Baby Essentials Drive this month. Please place baby necessities in the crib in the church foyer. All donations will go to assist the young mothers at the Guadalupe Home. Thank you for being generous ©

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

The Caritas Legal Services is having a Know Your Rights event Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. This event is especially for those with immigration questions and concerns. If you are currently represented by a lawyer, they will not be able to consult with you. For more information, you may call 210-433-3256.

CLÍNICA LEGAL GRATUITA

Sábado, 6 de octubre de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m en el salón parroquial, Caridades Católicas ofrecerá un seminario legal gratuito "Pregunte a un Abogado". El tema será: "Inmigración, conozca sus derechos". Si actualmente está representado por un abogado, no podrán ayudarlo. Para obtener más información, llame a Servicios Legales Caritas al 210-433-3256.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is the best weapon against evil. St. Padre Pio, St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa were modern day saints who believed strongly in this Marian prayer and were faithful

in reciting it daily. The month of October is also recognized as the month of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The Miracle of the Sun occurred October 13, 1917. A miracle promised by Our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima so that the whole world would know of her power as an intercessor and, as not only the Mother of God, but our mother too. Please join us on Saturday, October 13th for the Rosary (English) at 5 p.m. and the 5:30 Mass. There will be a candlelight procession and bilingual Rosary after the Mass.

SUBSCRIBERS OF THE MAGNIFICATS Magnificats will be distributed this weekend after all Masses for the month of October.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN FALL FESTIVAL

St. John Neumann's Parish at 6680 Crestway in San Antonio will be holding its 2018 Fall Festival from 11 A.M to 11 P.M on Saturday October 6th! The festival will include an Antique Car and Bike show, silent auction, carnival activities for children and musical entertainment all day/night long. There will be a number of booths and vendors selling arts and crafts, books, videos, religious items, jewelry, plants, as well as, food and bakery goods. The Parish is also having a raffle. Grand Prize = handmade Olive Wood Nativity set from

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First Prize - \$4,000.00 VISA Gift Card

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Third Prize - \$2000.00 Visa Gift Card

Fourth Prize - \$1000.00 Gift Card

Fifth Prize - \$500.00 HEB Gift Card

Sixth Prize - \$500.00 HEB Gift Card.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Tickets can be purchased at the church office Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 5PM or at the Festival. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please join us for a great day of Christian fellowship, food and fun ⊚

40 HOURS

The next 40 hours of Adoration begins Thursday, October 4th at 7 p.m. Please join us for songs of praise, meditation and prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

The First Friday Mass in October is on the 5th at 7 p.m. It is bilingual.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

The First Saturday Mass in October is on the 6th at 9:30 a.m. It is preceded by the Rosary at 9 a.m. Why not commit to participating in the First Saturdays devotion that was requested by Our Blessed Mother in 1925 with Lucia, one of three seers of Fatima. One goes to the First Saturday Mass for five successive months and includes the following: go to confession; receive Holy Communion; say five decades of the Rosary and keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Through this devotion, Our Blessed Mother promises to assist us at the hour of death with graces necessary for our salvation. What more is needed to get our attention?!



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